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SUBJECT: OECD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE PRESIDENT: CANADIAN
REPRESENTATION

REF: OECD PARIS 35407

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR MERKLINGER AND THIRD
SECRETARY REAP CALLED ON EUR/RPE DIRECTOR ALBRECHT
DECEMBER 10 SEEKING TO MAKE CASE THAT CANADIAN NOMINEE
FOR DEVELOPMENT CENTRE PRESIDENCY LOUIS SABOURIN IS
STRONG CANDIDATE. CANADIANS WERE AWARE THAT US HAS
ANNOUNCED ITS SUPPORT FOR UK NOMINEE LITTLE BUT
EXPRESSED OPINION THAT "SITUATION FLUID" AND THERE ARE
INDICATIONS THAT EC MEMBER STATES MAY DECIDE TO SUPPORT
NON-EC CANDIDATE SINCE THEY CAN NOT AGREE ON JOINT
NOMINEE AMONG THEMSELVES. MERKLINGER ADDED THAT
SABOURIN IS WELL REGARDED BY FRENCH.

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2. CANADIANS LEFT FULL CURRICULA VITAE WHICH DEPARTMENT

POUCHING TO OECD MISSION (DULAVEY) AND OTTAWA (MEYER).
WE NOTE SABOURIN HAS PUBLISHED HEAVILY ON DEVELOPMENT
POLICY, AND ON ROLE OF QUEBEC AND CANADIAN FOREIGN
POLICY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE
FROM MISSION EVALUATION OF REMARK THAT EC MAY DECIDE
TO BACK NON-EC CANDIDATE AND FROM EMBASSY LONDON SOME
IDEA OF STATUS OF LITTLE CANDIDACY. WOULD ALSO LIKE
EMBASSY OTTAWA COMMENT ON SABOURIN CANDIDACY. KISSINGER

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